

Amendment No. 1 to HB0852

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Signature of Sponsor

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 818**

**House Bill No. 852\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee to study all facets surrounding underground utility services including ways to prevent damage from occurring to such utilities.

SECTION 2. The special joint committee shall perform a comprehensive review of Tennessee's statutes, rules and regulations governing present requirements to protect damage from occurring to all underground utilities. If so desired by the committee, the language of this bill as introduced may be specifically addressed as guidance and for informational purposes. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Addressing all issues related to the one-call system;
- (2) Addressing issues concerning methods of preventing damage from occurring to underground utilities as well as establishing an effective enforcement mechanism;
- (3) Determining if responsibility for enforcing statutory requirements enacted by the general assembly should be conferred on a state entity; and
- (4) Any other issues which may be of concern to the special joint study committee.

SECTION 3. The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

SECTION 4. All persons and representative groups with an interest in this issue are specifically invited and requested to provide information for the committee's consideration.

SECTION 5. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 6. The Tennessee Regulatory Authority and TACIR shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 7. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

SECTION 8. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 9. The special joint committee shall complete its study, together with any proposed legislation which may be recommend for introduction in the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly no later than February 1, 2010, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.